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"LIQUIDATION OF REMNANTS OF OCCUPATION REGIME IN CAPITAL OF GDR IS ONLY COURSE CORRESPONDING TO DIGNITY OF GERMAN PEOPLE AND TO INTERESTS OF SECURITY IN EUROPE. THERE IS AND CAN BE NO OTHER WAY OF SOLVING BERLIN QUESTION IF ONE STRIVES FOR CREATION OF CONDITIONS FOR TRANQUIL DEVELOPMENT OF GERMANY AND ELIMINATION OF HOTBED DANGEROUS TO CAUSE OF PEACE WHICH BERLIN IS AS RESULT OF PRESERVATION OF OCCUPATION REGIME IN IT. USSR IS UNSHAKABLE IN ITS DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT THIS LONG URGENT MEASURE AS CLEARLY FOLLOWS FROM SPEECH OF... KHRUSHCHEV IN WHICH DEFINITE (#) AND FROM POSITION OF SOVIET UNION WAS EXPRESSED. STATESMAN OF WESTERN POWERS ARE DEEPLY MISTAKEN IF THEY SUPPOSE THAT FOR REALIZATION OF MEASURES PLANNED BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT, SOME KIND OF CONSENT ON PART OF SAID POWERS IS NEEDED. NO SUCH CONSENT IS NEEDED AT ALL. SOVIET UNION WILL FIRMLY HOLD TO THIS LINE AND IT WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE."

COMMENT: NO MENTION IS MADE OF PREPARATION OF DOCUMENT TO CONTAIN "PROPOSALS" TO ALLIES WHICH KHRUSHCHEV MENTIONED IN NOVEMBER 14 SPEECH. OTHER COVERAGE OF BEGIN ISSUE CONSISTS OF BACKGROUNDER ARTICLES IN LITERARY GAZETTE AND GUDOK.

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